(b) if so, how many Energy Parks have so far been sanctioned in Karnataka;

(c) the amount sanctioned to each Energy Park during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) how many new Energy Parks have so far sanctioned to Karnataka during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of eleven Energy Parks have so far been sanctioned in Karnataka till 2001 -2002.

(c) An amount of Rs. 5.18 lakhs was sanctioned for the setting up an Energy Park at Mangalore University, Mangalore in 2001-2002. Funds have not been sanctioned during 2002-2003 as no Energy Park proposal has so far been received from the State Implementing Agency—Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST).

(d) Energy Parks have not been sanctioned so far in Karnataka during 2002-2003 as proposals have not been received from KSCST.

NPIC in West Bengal

1600. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation made for the National Project for Improved Chulhas (NPIC) for West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount utilized during the same period;

(c) the nodal agency which is monitoring the working of the project; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure better implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Information on funds released to and reported to have been utilized by the State nodal department, namely, Directorate of Social Welfare,

Government of West Bengal during the last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme—National Programme on Improved Chulhas (NPIC) is given below:

Year	Funds released	Funds utilized
1999-2000	Rs. 2.09 crore	Rs. 2.09 crore
2000-2001	Rs. 3.00 crore	Rs. 2.06 crore
2001-2002	Rs. 0.75 crore	Rs. 3.36 crore

Besides, West Bengal Renewable Energy Development Anency, Khadi and Village Industries Commission and All India Women's Conference implemented the programme in the State.

(c) Besides the State nodal department and agencies, Technical Back-up Unit, University of Kalyani, West Bengal and Regional Office of the Ministry, Bhubaneswar were involved in monitoring the implementation of the programme in the State.

(d) For better implementation of the programme, the State nodal department had taken steps to actively involve Ponchayat Institutions and non-Governmental Organisations.

Solar Electrification Programme

1601. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the State Governments under Solar Electrification Programme since 1996; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total solar energy produced in the country since 1996; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry is thinking of setting up of any new wing within IREDA to give impetus to solar energy programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF **NON-**CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a)The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has been implementing a country-wide, Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Programme under which installation of solar photovoltaic systems and power plants for lighting, water pumping